



**H.Res. 654 – Congratulating the Phoenix Mercury for winning the 2007 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship**

**Floor Situation**

H.Res. 654 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Ed Pastor (D-AZ) on September 17, 2007. The bill was ordered to be reported by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, by unanimous consent.

H.Res. 654 is expected to be considered by the House of Representatives on October 9, 2007.

**Summary**

H.Res. 654 congratulates the Phoenix Mercury and Coach Paul Westhead for winning the 2007 Women's National Basketball Association Championship.

**Background**

On September 16, 2007, the Phoenix Mercury won the 2007 Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) Championship. They defeated the defending champion Detroit Shock by a final score of 108 to 92.

The WNBA was formed in 1997 and the Phoenix Mercury was one of the league's original 8 teams.

The Mercury was the first team in history to win the Championship on the road.

This was Paul Westhead's second season as head coach. He is the first coach in history to capture both the NBA Championship and WNBA Championship. His NBA championship was won as a coach for the LA Lakers.

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